

## THE EVENING STAR.

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THE EVENING STAR has the fullest Local Circulation of any Newspaper in the World, and as an Advertising Medium is worth more than all the other papers published in Washington.

The sundry civil bill proposes an appropriation of \$50,000 for the maintenance of the Zoological Park, one-half of the amount to be paid by the District. The sum appropriated for this purpose will undoubtedly increase every year. The government is wisely liberal in its expenditures for the advancement of science. Grand projects are entertained concerning the future of this national exhibit. The sharing features of the situation is that Congress is now making the District an involuntary partner in bearing the expenses of its enterprise, and threatens to exhort from the District one-half the amount of such expenditures, however large, allowing it no control over either the expenditure or the things themselves. It is to be remembered that the Smithsonian Institution, not the District, asked for these pained animals out on Rock Creek, and that the exhibits of flowers and plants in the botanical garden, and of the minerals, stuffed animals and numismatics, all objects of interest in the National Museum, for which the District is now paying, are incidentally of vasty greater benefit to the city as convenient objects of interest to residents and visitors than the Rock Creek animal exhibit, for which the District is assessed. Government will be charging the people of the city, next they pay in national taxes, for the maintenance of the museum and botanical garden. This is a very dangerous precedent. Instead of maintaining the preposterous arrangement which makes the national population of this city an equal partner with the whole United States in the promotion of science, the support of the park and the things themselves, it is to be remembered that the Smithsonian Institution's real estate, is to be exacted from the District, it should be made payable in small annual installments, so as to interfere as little as possible with necessary current improvements, and to give Congress an opportunity to make effective any change of conscience which it may undergo on this point in the future by assuming the payment of the postponed installments. The same treatment for the same reasons should be applied to the other national exhibits, for which it was that for the payment of the cost of the water main. Congress has already bound the city to pay for the water which it gets in assessments to meet the cost of the abandoned tunnel. The water main is a substitute for the tunnel. The District should not pay for both. If it must pay for blundering engineering for which it was not at all responsible, it should be permitted to pay in the manner which will be easiest for it, which will work the least hardship upon the city of the present, and which will throw a proper part of the cost upon the city of the future which will utilize the new main and which also may possibly derive some benefit from the new useless tunnel. Either the District should be relieved entirely from these extraneous or they should be made payable in installments, as proposed.

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Osama gets its Grant statue; New York doesn't.

## THE BON MARCHE.

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THE REASONS WHY.

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The reason of the success of these ventures in England is that there are comparatively few other channels through which merchandise of every description is sold and which are not burdened with the extra expense attending a credit or partial credit business. Co-operative stores have been tried in this country, but all have subsequently failed. The reason is that there are already many large private stores where the business is carried on by men of life-long experience and where the co-operative system is virtually adopted. Take, for instance, Macy's grand store in New York or the Palais Royal of Washington, both these establishments are co-operative stores, according to the true meaning of the word; the proprietors being both the mediums through whom the merchandise is transferred from the manufacturer to the consumer. Prompt payments are made when buying and demanded when selling. The income of the proprietors of these stores are certainly not more than the entrance fees charged those who become members of the English co-operative stores, combined with the salaries of the directors. That such establishments as Macy's and the Palais Royal are run with as little expense and directed by men of even more ability than by the managers of co-operative stores is evident by the continued success of the one and the failure of the other. The public recognizes this, but only to a degree. When the people have been educated up to the fact that a strictly cash business is a co-operative one in the best and truest sense then will such stores as Macy's and the Palais Royal increase in number and size, to the great pecuniary advantage of the public. Such co-operation will also create public interest in the success of the cash business stores. In truth, the public are the masters, the proprietors of such stores but the servants. Let both be just, helpful, be sympathetic. The Palais Royal staff, like those who patronize the store, has made many good resolutions for the new year. First, the clerks have promised to be obliging and good natured, and will be shown without reserve to every customer. Second, the floor waiters are instructed to promptly and politely exchange or refund money for goods returned. Third, the store is to be recognized as your depot where your goods are stored—the midway station between the manufacturer and you. The proprietor is your agent. If he ever declines to serve you as you think right the best and kindest thing is to tell him so and thus enable reform. None are perfect. Let us hope the Palais Royal as perfect a shopping place as is possible.

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We have not yet said much about Corsets, and believing we have a right to say a word or two, we are going to say it. We carry in stock a line of Corsets that are known throughout the entire country, and one that gives the purchaser in good, honest satisfaction. Our stock is composed of the

C. B.

Is a standard article that has a great many admirers and gives an universal satisfaction that many ladies will have no fear of.

R. AND G.

Is a household word for a Corset that will take the place of a high price novelty—these 50c., 75c. and \$1 Corsets cannot be equalled for the price.

H. AND S.

Like the R. and G., is a good value. No matter what you pay for it your money is well invested.

DR. WARNER'S.

Entire line can be found right here, the cheap, the medium and the best.

DR. BULL'S.

Corsets have also found a space on our shelves, and if you wear a Ball corset, and you like them, of course, no other will do.

THE KAPO.

Corset has been advertised the world over, and as we bought an entire line of the best of the past season, we thought to give them a trial, and we have found them very good indeed.

THE PERKINS WAISTS.

Are the only perfect-fitting waists offered to the public today. We have them for the little girl, the grown child, the miss, the young and the old.

Now we will tell you what we have that is going to create a flurry, and that